

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: N52-805-707

**Property Assistant (Online Auctioneer)
(General Services Office)
Re-advertisement
Non-Sensitive**

12/07/2015

This position is advertised under the Locally Employed (LE) Staff Program of the United States Mission in China. All applicants must already have relevant documentation to legally reside and work for the U.S. Government in China to be eligible for consideration.

Position is subject to funding availability.

SPECIAL NOTE: Applicants who submitted their applications for the Vacancy Announcement dated November 16, 2015 will be considered and do not need to re-apply.

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates

POSITION: Property Assistant (Online Auctioneer) (GSO) (Re-advertisement)

OPENING DATE: December 7, 2015

**CLOSING DATE: December 21, 2010
(Only applications received by the closing date will be considered)**

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

**GRADE: Not-Ordinarily Resident: FP-07 USD 40,394 p.a.
(starting salary, final grade will be determined by Washington)**

**Ordinarily Resident: FSN-07 RMB 115,011 p.a.
(starting salary includes allowance and bonus)**

LOCATION: The incumbent may be assigned to work at the Embassy or one of the Embassy's off-compound facilities in Beijing. The Embassy Warehouse located in Shunyi. The incumbent should be prepared to travel and spend at least 20% of their work week at the Embassy warehouse in Shunyi.

The U.S. Embassy in Beijing is seeking an eligible and qualified applicant for the position of Property Assistant with the General Services Office.

Note: Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (See *Appendix A for definition*) MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

The Property Assistant as an online auctioneer is responsible for completing the tasks associated with a mission wide (Beijing, Shenyang, Guangzhou, Chengdu, Shanghai, Wuhan) property and scrap auctions, which includes the sale of old, damaged, or excess furniture, appliances, office equipment, and vehicles, on a website designed and run by a private vendor. Once the Property Assistant receives authorization from GSO Assistant for the auction of property from State and other Agencies operating in Mission China, they must research and identify appropriate customers and prepare the property for auction including completing electronic inventory, physical set-up and documentation of items, posting online, drafting management notices, interfacing with bidders, troubleshooting with the website, ensuring payments are received, transferring and disposing left-over items via scrap auction, and compiling close-out reports. The Property Assistant also provides statistical data of online auction result, and presents to property supervisor for regular review. The Property Assistant must coordinate the auction process with a positive and cooperative spirit with warehouse team, ILMS team, FMO, 5 consulates, and 42 agencies.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Office of Human Resources (x4500).

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Applicants who fail to do so, or who do not meet the position's required qualifications, will not be considered for this position.

Education:

- A minimum of college or university study is required.

Experience:

- A minimum of three (3) years of experience in property management, conducting property inventory and inspection with auction experience is required.

Language:

- Level III (Good Working Knowledge) speaking/reading/writing in English. **(This will be tested.)**
- Level III (Good Working Knowledge) speaking/reading/writing in Chinese.

Knowledge:

- Must have knowledge of computer applications and internet and be familiar with e-commerce websites and scrap markets and resale dealers, must be able to categorize and determine property conditions and market and resale value of items, particularly IT items.

Abilities and skills:

- Must be able to follow directions of supervisor and complete tasks on time and efficiently with minimal assistance and error, must be a team player and work with colleagues in different locations, must have good communication skills in both English and Chinese, good record keeping skills, negotiation and product promotion skills to reach a deal, problems solving skills, cooperation skills with different teams to collect and organize accurate information about property to be auctioned, and must be tactful in dealing with local and foreign customers.
- Must be able to use Microsoft office (especially Excel), must have the ability to learn and use the inventory and reconciliation process used by the department of State/ILMS, must be able to do online web research, graphics, and photography, must have ability to take clear, descriptive, and attractive photographs of product using digital camera and have the ability to organize and schedule all operations required to provide data in a timely manner. The ability to lift heavy items, up to 15 kgs, and learn how to operate a forklift is also required.

SELECTION PROCESS: When qualified, applicants who are U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and/or preference-eligible U.S. Veterans are given a preference in hiring. Therefore, it is essential that these applicants make themselves known as having a hiring preference and specifically address the required qualifications above in their application.

HIRING PREFERENCE ORDER:

- (1) USEFM who is ALSO a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran**
- (2) USEFM OR a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran**
- (3) FS on LWOP**

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

- All completed applications received by the closing date will be reviewed by HR to determine which applicants meet the advertised position's required qualifications. When appropriate, the HR Office will administer necessary language and/or skills testing to confirm an applicant's qualifications. Applicants who are unavailable for testing will not be considered.
- Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
- Current LE Staff employees are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their appointment.
- Current Ordinarily Resident (OR) employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report (EPR) are not eligible to apply.
- Current U.S. Citizen EFM employees who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
- Current Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) employees hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their

employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

- Ordinarily Resident applicants or applicants without a U.S. social security number will be paid according to the Local Compensation Plan in local currency (RMB). There are no exceptions to this regulation.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit the following documents to be considered:

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) (Form [DS-0174](#)); and
2. Any additional documentation that supports or addresses the requirements listed above (e.g. transcripts, degrees, etc.)

IMPORTANT: Applicants claiming a U.S. Veteran's preference must submit written documentation confirming eligibility (e.g., Member Copy 4 of Form DD-214, Letter from the Veteran's Administration, or certification documenting eligibility under the VOW Act with an expected discharge no later than 120 days after the certification is submitted) by the closing date of the vacancy announcement. If the written documentation confirming eligibility is not received in the HR office by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, the U.S. Veteran's preference will not be considered in the application process. Specific criteria for receiving a U.S. Veteran's preference may be found in HR/OE's Family Member Employment Policy (FMEP).

WHERE TO APPLY:

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

Human Resources Office

American Embassy Beijing, China

No.55 An Jia Lou, Beijing 100600

Email: USEmbassyBJHR@state.gov

(Please specify the position title in the subject line.)

Fax: 86-10-8531-4545

Website: <http://beijing.usembassy-china.org.cn>

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs. The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

Appendix A - DEFINITIONS

Eligible Family Member (EFM): An EFM for employment purposes is defined an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen or not a U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)); or
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term “child” shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchild, adopted child, and a child under legal guardianship of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such child is expected to be under legal guardianship until 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian; **or**
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support; **or**
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; **and**
- Is under chief of mission authority.

U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (US EFM): A USEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and resides at the sponsoring employee’s post of assignment abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and is under chief of mission authority; **or**
- resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2; **or**
- Currently receives a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM): An AEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**

- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form [OF-126](#) of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT); **and**
- Is under chief of mission authority; **and**
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; **and**
- Does NOT currently receive a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Member of Household (MOH): A MOH is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria.

- A MOH is someone who accompanies or joins a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and
- A MOH must be officially declared to the COM by the sponsoring employee as part of his/her household; and
- A MOH is under COM authority;
- A MOH may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative, or adult child;
- A MOH may or may not be a U.S. Citizen;
- A MOH is **not** an EFM;
- A MOH is **not** listed on the travel orders or approved Form F-126 of a sponsoring employee.

Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- An EFM, USEFM or AEFM of a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
- Has diplomatic privileges and immunities; and
- Is eligible for compensation under the FS or GS salary schedule; and
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN); and
- Is not a citizen of the host country; and
- Does not ordinarily reside in the host country; and
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws.

Ordinarily Resident (OR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- A citizen of the host country; or
- A non-citizen of the host country (including a U.S. citizen or a third-country national) who is locally resident and has legal and/or permanent resident status within the host country and/or who is a holder of a non-diplomatic visa/work and/or residency permit; and/or
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).